

INTERFAITH COALITION FOR JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (The Interfaith Coalition)

The coalition includes a variety of religious, grassroots community, and student groups who support worker justice, environmental justice, and human rights. Some members of the coalition take for granted the existence of the international nation state system and the existence of multinational corporations, regarding them as more or less non-malleable features of the world. Others believe that these systems are the core of the problem and must be altered or abolished to make any real or fundamental change possible.

The relative strength of different elements of the coalition varies over time, place, and the specifics of particular cases. The team should pursue actions that will, as much as possible, hold the supporters of different variations together in a common strategy for the short run.

Frame

GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW (see **Resource Kit, Globalization Frames**)

Access

The following teams have automatic access: **None**. You can meet with whom you want at your mutual convenience.

Success Indicators:

Global Poverty Reduction (GPR): This index measures the percentage of people in each country who are living below the subsistence level. It begins at 100 and is raised by actions that decrease the number of people living in poverty and is lowered by actions that increase the number.

Constituency Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is increased by actions that increase financial and political support for the Interfaith Coalition by allies and potential supporters. It is decreased by actions that decrease financial and political support for the Interfaith Coalition by allies and potential supporters.

Overall Success = $(GPR + CS) / 2$

Recommended to Print from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

- *** Glossary of Technical Terms
- *** GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW frame
- *** Zones of Action.

Interfaith Coalition Action Options

The following action options are available. You may adopt as many as you choose or none at all.

Campaign to support the following changes in WTO rules:

- ☐ Ia. Establishing a standards and monitoring system to exempt the continued use of traditional herbs and medicines from WTO agreements.
- ☐ Ib. Exempting eco-labeling from WTO rules.
- ☐ Ic. Other (specify):

- ☐ II. Help finance a U.S. speaking tour of PPM representatives to promote Plantanoguay's position on the issues in controversy.

- ☐ III. Join an anti-corporate campaign against HAZMAT. The anti-corporate campaign has three zones of activities. Indicate in which of these sets of activities your team will participate. (See ☐ **Resource Kit, Zones of Action**, for more details).

- ☐ IIIa. Green zone activities.
- ☐ IIIb. Yellow Zone Activities.
- ☐ IIIc. Red zone activities.

Define specific activities:

The WTO has scheduled a meeting of its ministers in Toronto, Canada, where the three panels will decide on the U.S. complaints against Plantanoguay. If there are sufficient participants, there will be a mass demonstration in Toronto at the time of the WTO meeting. If such a demonstration takes place, the hotels and meeting place of the delegates will be protected by a police cordon, barring access to anyone without passes. You have the following action options (choose one or more):

- ☐ IV. Decline to participate in the Toronto demonstrations.
- ☐ V. Participate in the Toronto demonstrations, urging our supporters to participate in the following action zones:

- ☐ Va. Green zone activities.
- ☐ Vb. Yellow zone activities.
- ☐ Vc. Red zone activities.

- ☐ Vd. We will make no recommendation but will leave it to individual participants to decide in which zones of activities they will participate.

Define specific activities:

- ☐ VI. Other action (specify)¹

¹ You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

Interfaith Coalition Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier. You should focus on the actions you have taken during Phase Three that you wish to publicize – and, if relevant, possible action that you might have taken and did not. You should emphasize those actions of your own and of others that you hope will raise your relevant success indicators.)

Interfaith Coalition Broadcast Rating Form

The Interfaith Coalition monitors all three broadcasts:

WUSA

Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the Interfaith Coalition covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

_____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.

_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.

_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. To what extent did coverage show the relevance of actions for increasing or decreasing world poverty and inequality and human rights, especially in the less developed world?

_____ a. Gave significant attention to the implications for poverty and human rights in the less developed world.

_____ b. Mixed, with some attention but not a lot.

_____ c. Little or no attention to the significance for poverty and human rights in the less developed world.

EuroPress

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Liberation Press or Voice of Islam (VOI)

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